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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled above and new claims 4-33 substituted therefor. Upon entry of the amendment, new claims 4-33 will be pending and under examination. The continuation application filed herewith reflects the above amendments in that new claims 4-33 and the priority paragraph have been incorporated as set forth above.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the application. Specifically, support for the claimed method can be found, for example, at page 4, lines 3-5; page 16, lines 17-19; page 18, lines 9-18; page 20, lines 16-20; page 21, line 14 through page 23, line 7, and in the Examples. Support for the nucleic acid binding reagents can be found, for example, at page 9, line 3 through page 4, line 2; Figure 2, and SEQ ID NO:1. Support for the claimed antibody binding reagents can be found, for example, at page 14, line 12 through page 16, line 7; Figure 2, and SEQ ID NO:2. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

In light of the Amendments and Remarks herein, Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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